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Draft decision submitted by the President on the basis of informal consultations

Dates of sessions of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies in 1997

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 1995/319 of 25 October 1995, in which it approved the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1996 and 1997 in the economic, social and related fields, approves the following changes in the dates of sessions of the Council and its subsidiary bodies in 1997:

(a) Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, first regular session of 1997 to be held at Headquarters from 20 to 24 January, second regular session of 1997 to be held at Headquarters from 17 to 21 March, annual session for 1997 to be held at Headquarters from 2 to 6 June, and third regular session of 1997 to be held at Headquarters from 8 to 12 September;

(b) Executive Board of the World Food Programme, first regular session of 1997 to be held at Rome on 22 January, second regular session of 1997 to be held at Rome from 22 to 24 May, annual session of 1997 to be held at Rome from 27 to 30 May, and third regular session of 1997 to be held at Rome from 21 to 24 October;

(c) Fourteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific, to be held at Bangkok from 3 to 7 February;

(d) Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development, fourth session, to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 10 to 15 or 21 February;*

(e) Commission on Narcotic Drugs - Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East, to be held at a capital in the region from 17 to 21 February;

(f) Inter-sessional ad hoc open-ended working group of the Commission on Sustainable Development, to meet at United Nations Headquarters from 24 February to 7 March;

(g) Commission on Human Rights, fifty-third session, to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 10 March to 18 April;

(h) Commission on Narcotic Drugs, fortieth session, to be held at the United Nations Office at Vienna from 18 to 27 March;

(i) Commission on Sustainable Development, fifth session, to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 7 to 25 April;

(j) Economic Commission for Europe, fifty-second session, to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 14 to 18 April;

(k) Thirteenth meeting of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance, to be held at Headquarters from 21 April to 2 May;

(l) Economic Commission for Africa, eighteenth meeting of the Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole, to be held at Addis Ababa from 22 to 25 April, and thirty-second session of the Commission and twenty-third meeting of the Conference of Ministers to be held at Addis Ababa from 28 to 30 April;

(m) Commission on Human Settlements, sixteenth session, to be held at Nairobi from 28 April to 7 May;

(n) Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, sixteenth session, to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 28 April to 16 May;

(o) Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, sixth session, to be held at the United Nations Office at Vienna from 29 April to 9 May;

(p) Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, annual session of 1997, to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 23 May;

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* Subject to a review, by the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, of the question of additional meetings to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1997.

(q) Pre-sessional working group of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 20 to 23 May;

(r) Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 20 to 29 May;

(s) Economic and Social Council, substantive session of 1997, to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 30 June to 25 July;

(t) Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods - Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, two sessions to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 7 to 18 July and from 8 to 19 December;

(u) Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Communications, to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 21 July to 1 August;

(v) Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities - Working Group on Indigenous Populations, to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 28 July to 1 August;

(w) Commission on Human Rights - Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, forty-ninth session, to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 4 to 29 August;

(x) Commission on Human Rights - Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, two sessions to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 18 to 22 August and from 12 to 21 November;

(y) Eighth meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, to be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 15 to 19 December.